

using a fertility associated antigen having SEQ ID NO: 2 or a recombinantly produced fertility associated antigen; and

Group III: Claims 55-56, drawn to a transgenic non-human mammal or avian comprising and expressing the isolated polynucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

If Group II is elected, the Examiner is also requiring an election of a single disclosed

Species as follows:

a) mammalian sperm cells

If this Species is elected, then a further election is required from:

- a1) buffalo;
- a2) cattle or cow;
- a3) horses;
- a4) humans;
- a5) mice;
- a6) pigs; or
- a7) sheep.

b) avian sperm cells

If this Species is elected, then a further election is required from:

- b1) a chicken; or
- b2) a turkey.

If Group III is elected, the Examiner is also requiring an election of a single disclosed

Species as follows:

c) transgenic non-human mammal

If this Species is elected, then a further election is required from:

- c1) a cow;
- c2) a goat;
- c3) a pig; or
- c4) a sheep.

d) transgenic avian.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 9-16. Applicants note that an election of Species is not required with the election of Group I.

Applicants acknowledge the recognition by the Examiner that Claims 17, 24, and 55 link the claims of Groups I-III and that the Restriction Requirement will be withdrawn with the allowance of these claims.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching all the claims of the present application.

Moreover, the MPEP in §803 states as follows:

“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report from International stage of this application. The International Searching Authority did not take the position that unity of invention was lacking in the International application and examined all claims together. From the fact that the International Searching Authority has searched all of the claims together and did so without an undue burden, Applicants submit that a similar search and examination of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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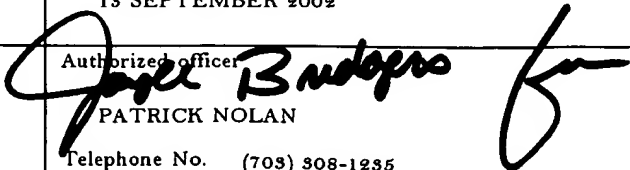
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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-8 and 10-56</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>9</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-8 and 10-56</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>9</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-56</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claim 9 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,693,496.

The '496 patent teaches a method of producing a fertility associated antigen recombinantly.
The prior art teachings anticipate the claimed invention.

Claims 1-8 and 10-56 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest SEQ ID NO. 1 or SEQ ID NO. 3 or using said sequences in the recited methods.

NEW CITATIONS _____

US 5,693,496 A (ALVES et al) 02 December 1997, see entire document.

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The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(7): A61K 39/00; C12N 15/09; C07K 1/00; C07H 21/04 and US Cl.: 424/184.1; 435/69.3; 530/395; 536/23.5